

CULTURAL FEAS

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Down Memory Lane
Artist: Rafiqun Nabi
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: November 20-December 3
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Artist: Jalilur Rabbi Tamim
Venue: Alliance Française de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: November 24-December 7
Time: Sunday to Friday 9:00am-12:00pm and 5:00pm-9:00pm, Saturday 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Artist: Samiran Chowdhury
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Rd No 36, House 16, Gulshan
Date: November 24-December 4
Time: 11:00am-08:00pm

Jazz Concert

Group: Norwegian Jazz group Kirsti Huke Quartet
Organisers: Sangskriti Kendra & Royal Norwegian Embassy
Venue: Bangladesh National Museum Auditorium
Date: November 26-27
Time: 6:30 pm

Michael Winterbottom Retrospective

A retrospective of seven films dealing with contemporary international issues by critically acclaimed British filmmaker Michael Winterbottom.
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society
 November 27
 3:00pm The 24 Hour Party People
 4:45pm Code 46
 6:30pm In This World
 8:15pm The Road to Guantanamo
Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhaka

65th Anniversary of Battle of Moscow

Organisers: Russian Centre for Science and Culture
Programmes: Photo exhibition, film show "Officers"
Venue: Russian Centre for Science and Culture, Dhaka
Date & Time: November 29 at 5:30 pm

Theatre

Play: Hirok Rajar Deshe
Troupe: BRAC University Drama and Theatre Forum
Venue: National Theatre Auditorium, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date & Time: November 27 at 6:30 pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Keokradong Er Pothe Pothe
Organiser: Deepro
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU
Date: November 23-29
Time: 11:00am-7:00pm

Mir Sabbir

Familiar face on small screen

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

MIR Sabbir Mahmud's career on the small screen is on the upswing. His acting has won him warm reception from viewers and critics. Currently he is playing major roles in several serials, which are being aired on different TV channels. Among the roles that have received much acclaim are the ones in drama serials *Pichhutan*, *Koto Chena Koto Ochena*, *Ek Jonomey* on ATN Bangla, *Shukher Kanta* on Banglavisoin, *Biborno Bhalobasha* on ntv, *Aguntuk* on Rtv and *Pantho Nibash* on BTV where he played the lead role.

Sabbir joined Bangladesh Television (BTV) in 1999. He received his big break in the play *Bishkanta* in 2000 on ETV. His spontaneous performance in the play grabbed the attention of the directors, critics and audience.

Sabbir says, "The most memorable TV play I acted in was *Bishkanta*. It was a delight because it helped me realise my true potential as an actor. I played the character of a young man from the Barisal region. It was a learning experience." Talking about his background and career milestones, he says, "I did not come from theatre background. I spent my childhood in Barguna district. While in school and college, I used to participate in numerous cultural functions. After completing my HSC I came to Dhaka."

Asked about the changes he perceives in the TV industry over the last three years, he says, "Earlier, the market was full of



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weekly plays. Today, mega serials have taken center-stage. In terms of artistic output, the scenario is more taxing. By this I mean that the advertising, marketing has

become very aggressive. But I am sorry to say that the TV industry has regressed in terms of content."

"I understand that business

dictates a certain style, but at the same time, there should be a small window left open for constant experimentation," he adds.

Recalling a humorous incident in the course of shooting a drama serial, he says, "My memory takes me back to a time when I was shooting a popular drama serial and encountered a friend, As soon as I entered his house, his mother started questioning me about my drama serials."

"The mother had left Bangladesh and gone abroad to stay with her daughter. But the lady missed the popular drama serials shown on TV. Instead of questioning me about common friends and relatives, she wanted me to narrate the latest happenings on the small screen. This just goes on to prove how much television affects our lives."

Asking about his offscreen persona, he says, "I am a typical Bangladeshi. I need a lot of reassurance and am peace loving. I hate to cause any harm to people. I am ambitious but not necessarily a go-getter. I love to workout and exercise regularly."

Asking about his future plans in the film industry, he says, "I have received several film offers. Recently I received an offer to work in Abdullah-Al-Mamun's Bangla feature film. I took up acting as my career--be it comedy, silver screen or small screen. I would like to do a variety of roles, whether it is a comedy, romance, action, thriller, or drama. In a nutshell, any role with substance."

TV Watch

'Ontoraler Kotha': Masuma's saga

A new episode of *Ontoraler Kotha*, focusing on Masuma, is set to be aired on Channel i tonight at 6:20 pm.

The plot: Masuma is married off to an educated service-holder with a sizeable dowry. After the marriage, several household goods are found missing. Masuma, much to her dismay, learns that her husband comes home late at night because he gambles and thus squanders his own money as well as his company's resources.

The husband tortures Masuma whenever she raises her voice against his excesses. On top of this he fails to fulfill the duty of a father

as he neglects his two children. Once he goes so far as to sell his wife's jewellery to pay off the debts he has incurred at the office. Later he squeezes Masuma's family for money which he claims would go into a business venture. As if all this isn't enough, he secretly marries another woman and his ill treatment of his wife continues.

Pushed into a corner, Masuma is compelled to sell clothes from door to door in Old Dhaka. However, eventually she marries off one child, and arranges a job for her son. Ain O Shalish Kendra comes to her rescue with legal assistance.



Based on stories from *Rabindranath-er Golpo*guchha, a TV serial is set to air on ATN Bangla. The first three episodes are based on the story *Uddhar*. The first episode will air tonight at 8:20pm. Directed by Abul Hayat, *Uddhar* features Moushumi Bishwas and Shams Shumon.

Karisma Kapoor makes a comeback

After months of speculation, Karisma Kapoor has finally said 'yes' to a project. And her comeback film will be directed by Onir, director of *My Brother Nikhil* and *Bas Ek Pal*. Titled *You & I*, the film will co-star Sanjay Suri in a pivotal role. In fact, this is Onir and Sanjay's third film together.

Onir is in the process of signing other artists and is looking at roping in Boman Irani for a key role. The film will be a romantic story based on adventure sports, different from Onir's previous films. *You & I* is expected to go on floors early next year and will be shot outdoors.

Source: Internet



Musical soiree by Srijon

AHSAN HABIB

In continuation of their regular programme on the last Saturday of every month, cultural organisation Srijon arranged another show presenting songs of yesteryears. The musical soiree was held at Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium of the National Museum on November 25. It was the 52nd programme of the organisation. The musical soiree featured Tagore, Nazrul, folk and

modern songs by some prominent and promising artists.

The musical soiree began with Tagore's song *Hemonte kon boshonteri bani* by Bulbul Islam. He also rendered the song *Amar jabar bela*. Kolpona Anam rendered Nazrul sangeet *Amar kon kul-e aaj* and *Brojogopi khele hori*.

This was followed by rendition of classic and folk songs by promising singers. Sultan Alam sang *Asha chhilo bhalobasha chhilo* and *Chiro*

dini tumi je amar, Farhana Akter performed *Kabita porar prohor* and *Amar chokher joler majhe*. Monjusa, Mohammad Rafiq, Saful Alam Raza, Rumana Islam and Rabeya Taposhi also rendered songs at the programme.

Director of the organisation Nurul Islam Palash said, "These programmes are arranged on a regular basis to uphold our cultural heritage and draw the attention of the younger generation."



Artistes of Srijon perform at the programme

PHOTO: STAR

'The Stream of Poems' launched



Yasmeen Murshed (2-R) with Afeef Arefiz next to her at the book launch

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

At the tender age of 11, Afeef Arefiz has a publication to his credit. Titled *The Stream of Poems*, a collection of his poems, was launched at Etchetera Bangladesh Dhanmondi outlet on November 25, 2006. Yasmeen Murshed, advisor of Women & Children Affairs, Social Welfare and Primary and Mass Education of the Caretaker Government inaugurated the programme.

Afeef Arefiz wishes to donate a major portion of the money collected from sale of this book to the welfare of underprivileged children of Bangladesh.

Illusionist David Blaine Completed NY Gyroscopic Stunt

American illusionist and stunt performer David Blaine freed himself after being shackled for 52 hours in a gyroscope above the Time Square in New York. The stunt was for charity, with 100 children to be given a US \$500 gift certificate if all went well. The deserving children were chosen by the Salvation Army. Blaine was hoisted 50 feet over a concrete parking lot.

Blaine said he did battle his greatest challenge -- dizziness -- by focusing his vision on a fixed point. Still, he acknowledged, "There's always an element you can't prepare for." Blaine has said this stunt was particularly important to him since the Salvation Army had provided him with clothing while he was growing up.

The "magician" managed to free himself last Thursday about 2:15 pm EST, bringing an end to his latest stunt. A dehydrated and weakened Blaine, who spent the last 52 hours without any food or water, landed on a wooden platform after jumping from the hanging gyroscope. He was strapped into the steel contraption Tuesday around 10 am and his goal was to be out by 2 pm Thursday.

Source: Internet



David Blaine during the stunt

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTV

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.
 News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.
 News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
 Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.
 News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm
 Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

ntv

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
 News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.

CHANNEL 1

News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

BANGLAVISION

News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm

RTV

News Headlines (English) at 9:05pm
 News (Bangla) at 7:00am, 3:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm.
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am

ATN BANGLA

09:20 Mega Serial: *Laal*
Neel Beguni
 Talk Show: *Annyodishti*
 11:05 *Shath Din*
 11:35 *Ek Jonome*
 12:15 *Motamot*
 01:25 *Colochitrer Golpo*
 02:30 *Nirob Kosto*
 03:10 *O Amar Chokhu Nai*
 03:45 *Chotoder Prithibi*
 04:20 *ATN Music*
 05:10 *Shornali Din*
 05:45 *Islamic Programme*
 06:20 *Ashley Pasher*
 06:45 *Manush*
 07:50 Drama Serial: *Kath*
Koylar Chhobi
 08:20 Drama Serial: *Uddhar*
 08:50 *Meet the Press*
 10:40 Talk Show: *Protidin*

Channel i

08:30 *Shokaler Gaan*
 09:30 *Shangbadpore*
 Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 *Tritionatra*
 12:30 *Aj Dupure O Citycell*
 01:10 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
 01:30 *Shangbadpore*
 Bangladesh
 01:45 Public Reaction
 04:05 *Amader Gaan*
 04:45 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
 05:30 *Banijio O Orthonti*
 06:00 *Stargate SG One*
 06:20 *Ontoraler Kotha*
 08:00 *BBC Bangladesh*
 08:00 *Shanglag*
 09:35 Drama Serial: *Shemana*
 10:00 *Shadha Ranger*
Swapno

ntv

08:35 *Aajker Shokal*
 09:05 *Ramizer Aaina*
 09:30 *Medhabi Banglir*
 Golpo
 10:05 *Zoo Adventure*
 10:30 *Dhakar Cinema*
 01:05 *Muktangan*
 02:35 Drama Serial: *Ramizer Aaina*
Somoshomoy
 03:15 *Ramizer Aaina*
 03:50 *Bhinno Swader*
 04:25 *Khobor*
 05:10 *Din Dorpon/Itihasher*
 Ei Diney
 05:20 *Apnar Jigyasha*
 06:20 *Shubho Shondha*
 06:45 *Crimewatch*
 08:15 *Labonya Prokha*
 09:00 *Music Express*
 09:50 *Biborno Bhalobasha*
 11:25 *Din Dorpon*
 08:40 *Shuprobhat*
 Bangladesh
 09:30 *Chokhi Mele Dekhi*
 Cartoon
 10:00 *Bangla Feature Film*
 10:30 *Padmorag*
 02:00 *Drama Serial: Shunney Boshobash*
 03:30 *Chokhi Mele Dekhi*
 05:15 *Top News*
 06:00 *Itihasher Path Dhorey*
 06:30 *Shuktara*
 08:15 *Drama Serial: Daar*
 09:00 *Kaak*
 09:00 *Gaoner Khata*
 09:30 *Bioscope*
 11:00 *Olpo Sholpo Golpo*
 09:05 *Aj Potrikai*
 09:35 Talk Show: *Prio Mukh*

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PICK OF THE DAY



Boro Didi
 On Rtv at 9:20pm
 Drama Serial:
 Cast: Alamgir, Tarin



Ocean's Twelve
 On HBO at 11:45pm
 Genre: Thriller/Action
 Cast: Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Julia Roberts

BANGLAVISION

10:00 *Apnar Agami*
 10:30 *Amar Ami*
 11:00 *Drama Serial: Sukher Kanta*
 11:30 *Article Thirty-Nine*
 02:30 *Drama Serial: Kachhey Durey*
 03:00 *Cinebit Shadako*
 03:50 *Ebong Shada Kalo*
 04:00 *Drama Serial: Uro Chithi*
 04:30 *Drama Serial: Guest*
 05:00 *Drama Serial: Hashuli*
 05:40 *Bagumer Upokotha*
 06:30 *Din Er Sheshey*
 06:30 *Amader Ranna*
 08:10 *Deshar Pathay*

SONY

09:15 *Drama of the Week: Bela Sheshey*
 08:30 *Om Namah Shivay*
 09:00 *Telebrands Tele Shopping*
 09:30 *Charbusters Music*
 10:00 *Music Mantra Music*
 10:30 *Music Beats Music*
 11:00 *Cid Thriller*
 11:30 *Cid Thriller*
 12:00 *Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Drama*
 12:30 *Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama*
 01:00 *Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama*
 01:30 *Vaidehi Drama*

Bigg Boss Others

03:00 *Matinee Movie - Humko*
 06:30 *Music Beats Music*
 07:00 *Music Mantra Music*
 07:30 *Chart Busters Movie Based*
 08:00 *Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama*
 08:30 *Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Drama*
 09:00 *Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama*
 09:30 *Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama*
 10:00 *Bigg Boss Reality Based*
 10:30 *Vaidehi Drama*

HBO

11:30 *Khauffnaak Thriller/ Horror*
 10:00 *Code Name: Wolverine*
 12:00 *Lords of Dogtown*
 02:15 *Body Snatchers*
 04:00 *Wild Things 2: The Glades*
 05:45 *Thunderbirds*
 07:45 *Death Warrant*
 09:30 *Blade: Trinity*
 11:45 *Ocean's Twelve*
 02:15 *Freddy VS. Jason*
 08:30 *Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr*
 09:00 *V First Day First Show- Starplu*
 09:05 *V Trailers - Star Plus*
 09:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*
 10:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*
 10:30 *Shaka Laka Boom Boom*
 11:30 *Karam Apnaa Apnaa*
 11:55 *V First Day First Show- Starplu*
 12:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*
 12:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
 12:30 *Kyaa Hoga Nimmo Kaa*
 01:00 *Kasauti Zindagii Kay*
 01:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*
 02:00 *Bhabhi*
 02:30 *Kesar*
 03:00 *Saamrhi*
 03:30 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*
 04:00 *Kahin To Hoga*
 04:30 *Karam Apnaa Apnaa*
 05:00 *Prithviraj Chauhan*
 05:30 *Antariksh*
 05:55 *V First Day First Show- Starplu*
 06:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*
 06:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
 6:30 *Aladdin*

STAR PLUS

07:00 *Timon And Pumbaa*
 07:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
 07:30 *Sonpari*
 07:55 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
 08:00 *Karishma Ka Karishma*
 08:30 *Antariksh*
 09:00 *Kasauti Zindagii Kay*
 09:30 *Viraasat*
 10:00 *Karam Apnaa Apnaa*
 10:30 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*
 11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*
 11:30 *Kahin To Hoga*
 12:00 *Saibaba*
 09:30 *Living Daylights, The*
 11:40 *Dead Man Walking*
 01:45 *Truth About Charlie, The*
 01:45 *Garfield The Movie*
 03:30 *Moonraker*
 04:50 *Criminal Minds*
 07:00 *Licence To Kill*
 09:15 *First Daughter*
 11:00 *Moonraker*
 09:30 *The Simpsons*
 09:30 *The Oprah Winfrey Show*
 10:30 *Nois*
 11:30 *The Scholar*
 12:30 *Law & Order: S.V.U.*
 01:30 *Criminal Minds*
 02:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*
 03:30 *The Bold And The Beautiful*
 04:30 *General Hospital*
 05:30 *Desire: Table For Three*
 06:30 *The Simpsons*
 07:00 *Cheers*
 07:30 *Friends*
 08:00 *Seinfeld*
 08:30 *My Wife And Kids*
 09:00 *Everybody Loves Raymond*
 09:30 *The King Of Queen*
 10:00 *Becker*
 11:30 *Wild Card*

Desire: Table For Three

08:30 *Tiger Special*
 09:30 *Discovery's Biggest Shows*
 11:30 *Man And Machine*
 12:30 *Baby It's You*
 01:00 *Yummy Mummy*
 01:30 *Wild Discovery*
 02:30 *Detective Stories*
 03:30 *Mystery Hunters*
 04:00 *Great Moghuls*
 04:30 *Tiger Special*
 05:30 *Life In The Undergrowth*
 06:30 *Extreme Machines*
 07:30 *Stalking Leopards*
 08:30 *Discovery Marquee*
 10:30 *Spell Week*
 11:30 *FBI Files*
 08:30 *In Search of the Moa*
 09:30 *Ultimate Enemies*
 10:30 *Kakadu Australia*
 11:30 *Stalking Leopards*
 12:30 *Nights with Leopards*
 01:00 *Spell of the Tiger*
 01:30 *Roman Technology*
 02:30 *Monkey Business*
 03:00 *Black Bears*
 03:30 *Ultimate Enemies*
 04:30